

(3) At the NO_x authorized account representative's option, for units sharing a common stack and having NO_x emissions that are not monitored separately or apportioned in accordance with subpart H of this part, the percentage of allowances that is to be deducted from each unit's compliance account under § 96.54(e); and

(4) The compliance certification under paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Compliance certification.* In the compliance certification report under paragraph (a) of this section, the NO_x authorized account representative shall certify, based on reasonable inquiry of those persons with primary responsibility for operating the source and the NO_x Budget units at the source in compliance with the NO_x Budget Trading Program, whether each NO_x Budget unit for which the compliance certification is submitted was operated during the calendar year covered by the report in compliance with the requirements of the NO_x Budget Trading Program applicable to the unit, including:

(1) Whether the unit was operated in compliance with the NO_x Budget emissions limitation;

(2) Whether the monitoring plan that governs the unit has been maintained to reflect the actual operation and monitoring of the unit, and contains all information necessary to attribute NO_x emissions to the unit, in accordance with subpart H of this part;

(3) Whether all the NO_x emissions from the unit, or a group of units (including the unit) using a common stack, were monitored or accounted for through the missing data procedures and reported in the quarterly monitoring reports, including whether conditional data were reported in the quarterly reports in accordance with subpart H of this part. If conditional data were reported, the owner or operator shall indicate whether the status of all conditional data has been resolved and all necessary quarterly report resubmissions has been made;

(4) Whether the facts that form the basis for certification under subpart H of this part of each monitor at the unit or a group of units (including the unit) using a common stack, or for using an excepted monitoring method or alter-

native monitoring method approved under subpart H of this part, if any, has changed; and

(5) If a change is required to be reported under paragraph (c)(4) of this section, specify the nature of the change, the reason for the change, when the change occurred, and how the unit's compliance status was determined subsequent to the change, including what method was used to determine emissions when a change mandated the need for monitor recertification.

§ 96.31 Permitting authority's and Administrator's action on compliance certifications.

(a) The permitting authority or the Administrator may review and conduct independent audits concerning any compliance certification or any other submission under the NO_x Budget Trading Program and make appropriate adjustments of the information in the compliance certifications or other submissions.

(b) The Administrator may deduct NO_x allowances from or transfer NO_x allowances to a unit's compliance account or a source's overdraft account based on the information in the compliance certifications or other submissions, as adjusted under paragraph (a) of this section.

Subpart E—NO_x Allowance Allocations

§ 96.40 State trading program budget.

The State trading program budget allocated by the permitting authority under § 96.42 for a control period will equal the total number of tons of NO_x emissions apportioned to the NO_x Budget units under § 96.4 in the State for the control period, as determined by the applicable, approved State implementation plan.

§ 96.41 Timing requirements for NO_x allowance allocations.

(a) By September 30, 1999, the permitting authority will submit to the Administrator the NO_x allowance allocations, in accordance with § 96.42, for the control periods in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

(b) By April 1, 2003 and April 1 of each year thereafter, the permitting authority will submit to the Administrator the NO_x allowance allocations, in accordance with § 96.42, for the control period in the year that is three years after the year of the applicable deadline for submission under this paragraph (b). If the permitting authority fails to submit to the Administrator the NO_x allowance allocations in accordance with this paragraph (b), the Administrator will allocate, for the applicable control period, the same number of NO_x allowances as were allocated for the preceding control period.

(c) By April 1, 2004 and April 1 of each year thereafter, the permitting authority will submit to the Administrator the NO_x allowance allocations, in accordance with § 96.42, for any NO_x allowances remaining in the allocation set-aside for the prior control period.

§ 96.42 NO_x allowance allocations.

(a)(1) The heat input (in mmBtu) used for calculating NO_x allowance allocations for each NO_x Budget unit under § 96.4 will be:

(i) For a NO_x allowance allocation under § 96.41(a), the average of the two highest amounts of the unit's heat input for the control periods in 1995, 1996, and 1997 if the unit is under § 96.4(a)(1) or the control period in 1995 if the unit is under § 96.4(a)(2); and

(ii) For a NO_x allowance allocation under § 96.41(b), the unit's heat input for the control period in the year that is four years before the year for which the NO_x allocation is being calculated.

(2) The unit's total heat input for the control period in each year specified under paragraph (a)(1) of this section will be determined in accordance with part 75 of this chapter if the NO_x Budget unit was otherwise subject to the requirements of part 75 of this chapter for the year, or will be based on the best available data reported to the permitting authority for the unit if the unit was not otherwise subject to the requirements of part 75 of this chapter for the year.

(b) For each control period under § 96.41, the permitting authority will allocate to all NO_x Budget units under § 96.4(a)(1) in the State that commenced operation before May 1 of the period

used to calculate heat input under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, a total number of NO_x allowances equal to 95 percent in 2003, 2004, and 2005, or 98 percent thereafter, of the tons of NO_x emissions in the State trading program budget apportioned to electric generating units under § 96.40 in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) The permitting authority will allocate NO_x allowances to each NO_x Budget unit under § 96.4(a)(1) in an amount equaling 0.15 lb/mmBtu multiplied by the heat input determined under paragraph (a) of this section, rounded to the nearest whole NO_x allowance as appropriate.

(2) If the initial total number of NO_x allowances allocated to all NO_x Budget units under § 96.4(a)(1) in the State for a control period under paragraph (b)(1) of this section does not equal 95 percent in 2003, 2004, and 2005, or 98 percent thereafter, of the number of tons of NO_x emissions in the State trading program budget apportioned to electric generating units, the permitting authority will adjust the total number of NO_x allowances allocated to all such NO_x Budget units for the control period under paragraph (b)(1) of this section so that the total number of NO_x allowances allocated equals 95 percent in 2003, 2004, and 2005, or 98 percent thereafter, of the number of tons of NO_x emissions in the State trading program budget apportioned to electric generating units. This adjustment will be made by: multiplying each unit's allocation by 95 percent in 2003, 2004, and 2005, or 98 percent thereafter, of the number of tons of NO_x emissions in the State trading program budget apportioned to electric generating units divided by the total number of NO_x allowances allocated under paragraph (b)(1) of this section, and rounding to the nearest whole NO_x allowance as appropriate.

(c) For each control period under § 96.41, the permitting authority will allocate to all NO_x Budget units under § 96.4(a)(2) in the State that commenced operation before May 1 of the period used to calculate heat input under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, a total number of NO_x allowances equal to 95 percent in 2003, 2004, and 2005, or 98 percent thereafter, of the tons of NO_x